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AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the paragraph (Abstract) beginning at page 19, line 1 with the

following rewritten version:

Abstract

The present invention provides a simple determination method with regard to the

reusability of refrigerant using equipment or refrigerant lines toward the goal of

reusing refrigerant using equipment or refrigerant lines. The method of determining

the reusability of refrigerant using equipment or refrigerant lines includes a first step

and a second step. In the first step, residual material remaining inside refrigerant

using equipment or refrigerant lines is applied to a check sheet (30). In the second

step, a determination with regard to the reusability of the refrigerant using equipment

or the refrigerant lines is performed based upon the color of the check sheet (30) on

which the residual material was applied.

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